CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2914
Brinkmann House
1300 Summit Avenue
Catonsville, Baltimore County
1894
Private

The dwelling at 1300 Summit Avenue was constructed in 1894 as the home of the August H. and Maria Brinkmann, remaining in the family for nearly forty years. The house sits a short distance from Frederick Road, the main thoroughfare bisecting the town of Catonsville, a prosperous town and current commuter suburb on the outskirts of Baltimore City. The stucco-clad building, although subdivided into apartments, retains integrity of location, design, setting, and feeling. Despite the fact that the surrounding neighborhood has been developed as a 20th century commuter suburb, the Brinkmann House continues to sit on a sizable tract of land, emphasizing its original status as an estate for a wealthy Baltimore family.

The high style Queen Anne house is two-and-a-half stories high with a two-story rear ell. The house features wood frame construction, presently clad in stucco, and rests upon a randomly laid foundation of rough-cut stone with quoins. The main block of the house is rectangular and approximately four bays wide with a side gable, asphalt shingle roof. Typical of the Queen Anne style, the core of the building is augmented by the projecting tower, wrap-around porch, and projecting front gable bays.

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1. Name of F	Property					
historic	Brinkmann Hou	use				
other						
2. Location						
street and number	1300 Summit	Avenue			-	_ not for publication
city, town	Baltimore					_ vicinity
county	Baltimore					
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and mailing	g address	ses of all owners	;)	
name	William A. Sch	auer				
street and number	1300 Summit A	Avenue			telephone	410.744.2032
city, town	Baltimore		state	Maryland	zip code	21228-4995
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6. Classifica	tion					
Category districtX_building(s)structuresiteobject	Ownership public _X_privateboth	Current Function agriculturecommerce/tradedefenseX_domesticeducationfunerarygovernmenthealth careindustry	resctraw	acant/not in use		Noncontributing  buildings sites structures objects Total  f Contributing Resources we listed in the Inventory

### 7. Description

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#### Condition

	_ excellent	deteriorated
X	good	ruins
_	_ fair	altered

Prepare both a one-paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The imposing single-family dwelling at 1300 Summit Avenue in Catonsville was constructed in 1895. The high style Queen Anne house is two-and-a-half stories high with a two-story rear ell. The house features wood frame construction, presently clad in stucco, and rests upon a randomly laid foundation of rough-cut stone with quoins. The main block of the house is rectangular and approximately four bays wide with a side gable, asphalt shingle roof. Typical of the Queen Anne style, the core of the building is augmented by the projecting tower, wrap-around porch, and projecting front gable bays. Dormers and six corbeled chimneys add complexity to the roofline. By 1925, the house was subdivided into apartments, a use that continues to the present time. The house is located on a large fenced lot in the town of Catonsville at the northeast corner of Summit Avenue and Wyndcrest Avenue. The property slopes to the west, and contains mature trees and foundation plantings.

### **EXTERIOR**

The conical tower at the southeast corner, canted bay, front gabled dormers, an enclosed sleeping porch, and a one-story wrap-around porch defines the façade of the house, facing south to Summit Avenue. The vertical thrust of the tower is balanced by the emphatic horizontality of the wrap-around porch, which shelters the first story of the façade and wraps around the base of the tower. Supported by stuccoed Tuscan columns, the west end of the porch projects on a diagonal to the southwest, forming an attached gazebo. A hanging Spanish-style light fixture fashioned to look like wrought iron hangs from the center of the gazebo ceiling, recalling the Mediterranean Revival of the 1920s-1930s. The balustrade on this part of the porch has been stuccoed.

Contained within a semi-circular archway, the entry features a double-leaf panel-and-light wood door, and is framed by one-light sidelights and a one-light transom. A secondary entrance is located on east side of the tower, and features a double-leaf door with multiple lights and a six-light transom. Six 1/1 elongated metal windows with molded wood sills pierce the first story. The second story is the enclosed sleeping porch. The porch supports were clad with stucco, and the bays between are filled with metal jalousie windows trimmed with wood lintels. Two 1/1 metal windows mark the exposed sides of the two-story canted bay on the western end of the façade, while the second story of the tower at the eastern end has two 1/1 metal windows. An open balustrade trims the flat roof of the canted bay. The third story is comprised of a paired front gable dormer holding four equally spaced 1/1 metal windows with narrow wood sills. Three 1/1 metal windows pierce the third story of the tower, which has a conical roof clad with asphalt shingles.

The east elevation is comprised of the main block of the house and the two-story ell. Two 1/1 metal windows pierce the basement. The first story features a multiple-light fixed casement window with a molded wood sill, and six metal 1/1 windows. Two molded wood stringcourses act as continuous sills and lintels. Six 1/1 metal windows mark the second story. A sliding plate glass door with a wide wooden lintel encloses a second sleeping porch. The enclosed gable contains a boxed cornice. Three equally spaced 1/1 metal windows define the gable end, with two stringcourses forming continuous lintels and sills. A small

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fixed one-light diamond-shaped window is located in the apex of the gable. An exterior brick flue laid in stretcher bond has been built onto the east side of the house. A metal fire escape descends from the side gable windows to a landing at the second story, and then to ground level.

The rear elevation of the ell is symmetrically pierced by single window openings. The slightly raised basement has 1/1 metal windows, while the first and second stories have elongated 1/1 metal windows. Fixed triangular windows mark the open tympanum of the gable. Molded wood stringcourses at both levels act as continuous lintels. The west elevation of the ell has a one-story porch that has now been enclosed and clad with stucco. Set upon a raised stone foundation, the porch is asymmetrically marked by a single entry opening, five 1/1 metal windows, and a single 4/4 window—all with wood sills. A single-leaf panel-and-light metal door with a two-light transom provides access to the porch. A small gable-roof basement entrance has been built onto this side of the porch. Clad with stucco, it has a single-leaf four-panel wood door. A gabled dormer with two fixed one-light windows and asphalt-shingle cladding marks the roof of the ell. metal windows. The flat roof of the porch is currently edged by a wooden balustrade with square balusters.

The rear elevation of the main block is augmented by a one-bay wide shed-roof porch on the west end, which has been enclosed and clad with stucco. Elevated on a stone foundation, of cruder workmanship than that of the rest of the house, the porch is accessed by a one-leaf wood door with four lights above two panels and a square-edged surround. An eight-light wood casement window and a four-light wood casement window with square-edged wood surrounds also mark the former porch. One 1/1 metal window is located on the center bay of the main block. A Palladian window with a stuccoed sill and molded wood lintels distinguishes the center bay of the second story. The semi-circular portion of this window features stained glass, while the three lower rectangular lights are clear glass. A metal 1/1 window pierces the western bay. Asymmetrically placed, it has a molded wood sill and a square-edged wood surround. A paired front gable dormer, matching that on the façade, dominates the roofline. Like the dormer on the façade, it features four 1/1 metal windows unequally spaced. They have molded wood sills and two feature square-edged wood surrounds.

The west elevation of the main block presents a two-story, three-sided projecting bay with a half-hipped, asphalt shingle roof. Three 1/1 metal windows on the first and second stories pierce the canted bay. A semi-circular arched multiple-light casement window pierces the center of the main block on the first story. Two equally spaced 1/1 metal windows define the enclosed tympanum of the gable end. Two stringcourses function as continuous lintels and sills. A small fixed one-light diamond-shaped wood window is located just below the gable apex. A fire escape from one of the windows extends down to the balustraded terrace on the first story. Four 1/1 windows with wood sills pierce the basement.

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Evaluation for:	National Register	7	Maryland Register	not evaluated

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Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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#### History of 1300 Summit Avenue

8 Significance

During the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Catonsville acquired a reputation as an elite suburb and an area of "highly cultivated estates." During the 1870s, land in other towns throughout the county generally cost between \$100-\$400 per acre, but the cost of land in Catonsville, up to \$1,000 per acre, precluded settlement for nearly all but the wealthy. Lots in the center of town were even leased by the front foot, an unheard-of practice outside of Baltimore City at this time.<sup>2</sup> In many ways, the estates and large country houses set the social tone for the village. Newspaper notices alerted the community to the seasonal openings and closings of summer homes by prominent families whose permanent residences were located in prestigious neighborhoods near Baltimore's center.<sup>3</sup> In fact, the Catonsville *Argus* report on April 27, 1895 that, "Several fine residences are in course of construction or about completed. These include the following: Large frame cottage on Summit avenue being erected by Mr. A.H. Brinkman at a cost from \$12,00 to \$15,000. Mr. Brinkman live in Catonsville in the summer." By May 14, 1895, the *Baltimore Sun* recorded that the cost of the house had increased to \$20,000.<sup>5</sup>

The Brinkmann House at 1300 Summit Avenue is indicative of the residential construction surrounding the village in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The house was designed in the Queen Anne style, the dominant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day: including Biographical Sketches of their Representative Men (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem Massachusetts), p. 821

Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, A History of Baltimore County, (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, 1979), p. 302.
 Edward Orser and Joseph Arnold, Catonsville 1880 to 1940 From Village to Suburb, (Norfolk, VA: The Donning Company, 1989), p. 21.

Argus, April 27, 1895. Vertical files, Baltimore County Office of Planning, Towson, Maryland.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Baltimore Sun, May 14, 1895. Vertical files, Baltimore County Office of Planning, Towson, Maryland.

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architectural style for domestic buildings during the last two decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Characteristic of Queen Anne style buildings, the Brinkmann House is detailed with a projecting three-story tower, a wrap-around porch, a projecting two-story canted bay, and an asymmetrical roofline pierced by elaborately corbeled brick chimneys.

Although little is known about the Brinkmann family, deeds of conveyance and historic maps of the area indicate that the tract was improved and occupied by members of the family as early as 1898. Between 1894 and 1895, Marie L. Brinkmann purchased the property, which consists of two separate tracts of land in the town of Catonsville. The parcels were historically known as "The Land of Goshen" and "Buck's Range." The Argus reported that A. H. Brinkman was residing in the house as of November 1895. According to the 1896 City Directory of Baltimore, August H. Brinkmann, Marie's husband, was listed as the president of the Baltimore Corset and Novelty Works. Historic maps of the area, including the Bromley's 1898 Atlas of Baltimore, Plan of Catonsville, record Mrs. Brinkmann as occupying the property. Additionally, the maps indicate the presence of an outbuilding to the north or rear of the house. This outbuilding no longer exists.

Local history indicates that the transformation of the house into apartments had taken place as early as 1908, a function that is not recorded on the 1915 Bromley Atlas. However, by 1925, when the house was recorded on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, it had been converted to apartments. The footprint of the building appears to have undergone very few changes since this time. In 1925, there were additional buildings on the property, including two other single dwellings and a garage that faced Edmondson Avenue, two garages, and a shed to the rear of the building, and a two-story dwelling and a pond in the middle of the lot. According to the 1930 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, the lot had been subdivided with the two dwellings facing Edmondson Drive sited on separate tracts. Other changes to the property include the conversion of the shed to a garage and the larger of the two garages rehabilitated to serve as a dwelling. Two additional small outbuildings were added to the property at this time, however their function was not noted on the map. It has been assumed that the pond was infilled, as it no longer appears on the map.<sup>9</sup> These outbuildings no longer exist on the property, having been demolished at some point in the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Chain of Title:

September 10, 1877: David W. Patterson and wife to John Hubuer

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 100 Folio 366

October 24, 1894: Alexander Yearly, Jr. to Marie L. and August H. Brinkmann

Lot 1

8 Orser and Arnold, p.22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Baltimore County Land and Will Records, Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, Maryland.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Argus, November 23, 1895. Vertical files, Baltimore County Office of Planning, Towson, Maryland.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Catonsville, Maryland: 1925 and 1930.

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Liber 206 Folio 337

July 13, 1895: John Hubuer and wife to Marie L. Brinkmann

Lot 2

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 212 Folio 308

June 2, 1896: Marie L. Brinkmann to Carsten W. Sierck

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 217 Folio 280

June 3, 1896: Carsten W. Sierck to Marie Louis Brinkmann

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 217 Folio 282

March 3, 1906: Marcella S. Mactavish, trustee of the estate of Charles Carroll Mactavish, Virginia Mactavish,

attorney of Maria M. and Charles C. Mactavish, Lafred Jenkins Shriver, attorney for Emily

Mactavish, and Virginia Mactavish in her own right, to Walter S. Brinkmann

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 298 Folio 30

May 10, 1927: Edna W. and Walter S. Brinkmann, Elizabeth McMullen Brinkmann and W. Arnold Brinkmann,

Marie L. and A. Helmuth Brinkmann to The Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 644 Folio 440

April 29, 1933: A. Helmuth Brinkmann, deceased, willed to The Safe Deposit and Trust Company of

Baltimore

Will Records of Baltimore County

Liber 28 Folio 478

August 30, 1933: Mercantile Trust Co., trustee for Walter S. Brinkmann and wife, W. Arnold Brinkmann and wife,

And The Safe Deposit and Trust Co., trustee, under will of A. Helmuth Brinkmann, Marie L.

Brinkmann, widow of A. Helmuth Brinkmann to Long Point on the Magothy, Inc

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 915 Folio 339

August 30, 1933: Long Point on the Magothy, Inc. to Max Baker

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 915 Folio 344

July 31, 1937: Meyer Steinberg, trustee for Ida H. and William H. Baker to Long Point on the Magothy, Inc.

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January 5, 1945:

Long Point on the Magothy, Inc. to Ida H. Baker

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 1463 Folio 328

January 31, 1949:

Ida H. Baker, widow, to Freda Magram Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 1732 Folio 447

January 31,1949:

Freda Magram to Ida H. Baker, Bette Ruth Wallace, William H. Baker, joint tenants

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 1732 Folio 449

February 8, 1968:

Bette Ruth Wallace to Robert G. Evans, Jr. and Harold Wallace

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 4871 Folio 1

February 8, 1968:

Bette Ruth Wallace to Robert G. Evans, Jr., and Harold Wallace, trustees

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 5312 Folio 310

October 31, 1972:

Robert G. Evans, Jr. and Harold Wallace, trustees for Bette Ruth Wallace and William H. Baker to

Adolf Saxon

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 5312 Folio 327

December 18, 1979:

Adolf Saxon to William A Schauer and Laurie S. Wilson

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 6119 Folio 236

February 28, 1991:

William A. Schauer and Laurie S. Wilson, a.k.a. Laurie Ford, to William A. Schauer

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber 8739 Folio 18

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#### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)

Modern Period (1930-Present)

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

DOMESTIC/Multiple Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area Acreage surveyed Quadrangle name 1.08 Acres 1.08 Acres Baltimore West, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

#### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property known as Brinkmann House is located at 1300 Summit Avenue in Catonsville, Maryland as noted on Tax Map 101, Parcel 1792. The primary dwelling has been associated with this site since the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### 11. Form Prepared by

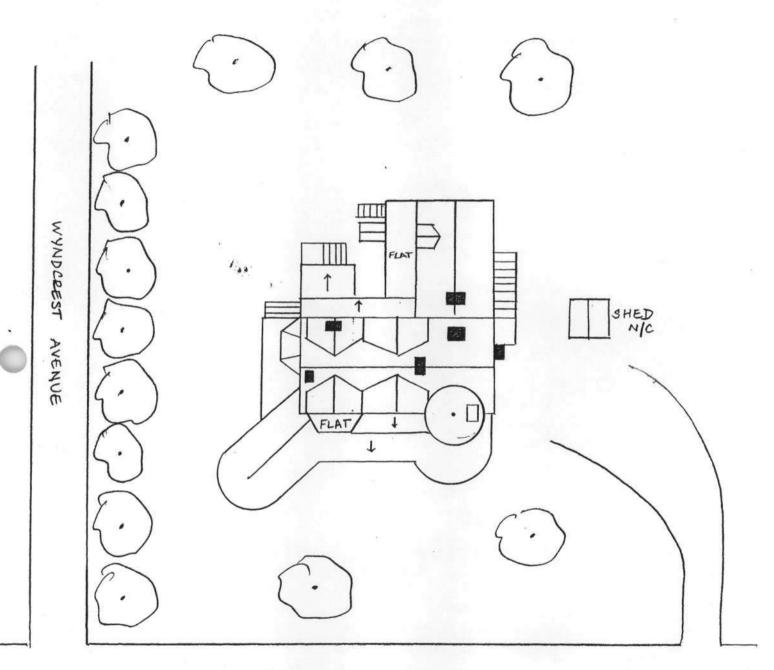
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organization	EHT Traceries, Inc.
street & number	5420 Western Avenue
city or town Chevy Chase, Maryland	

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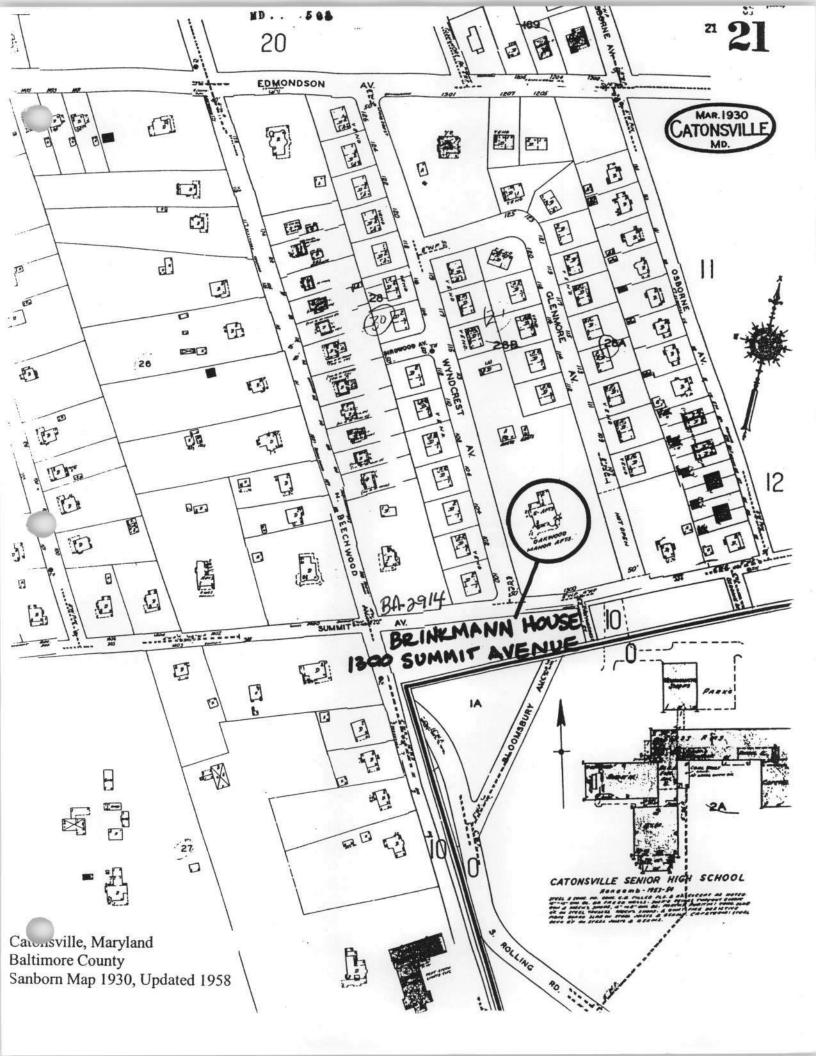
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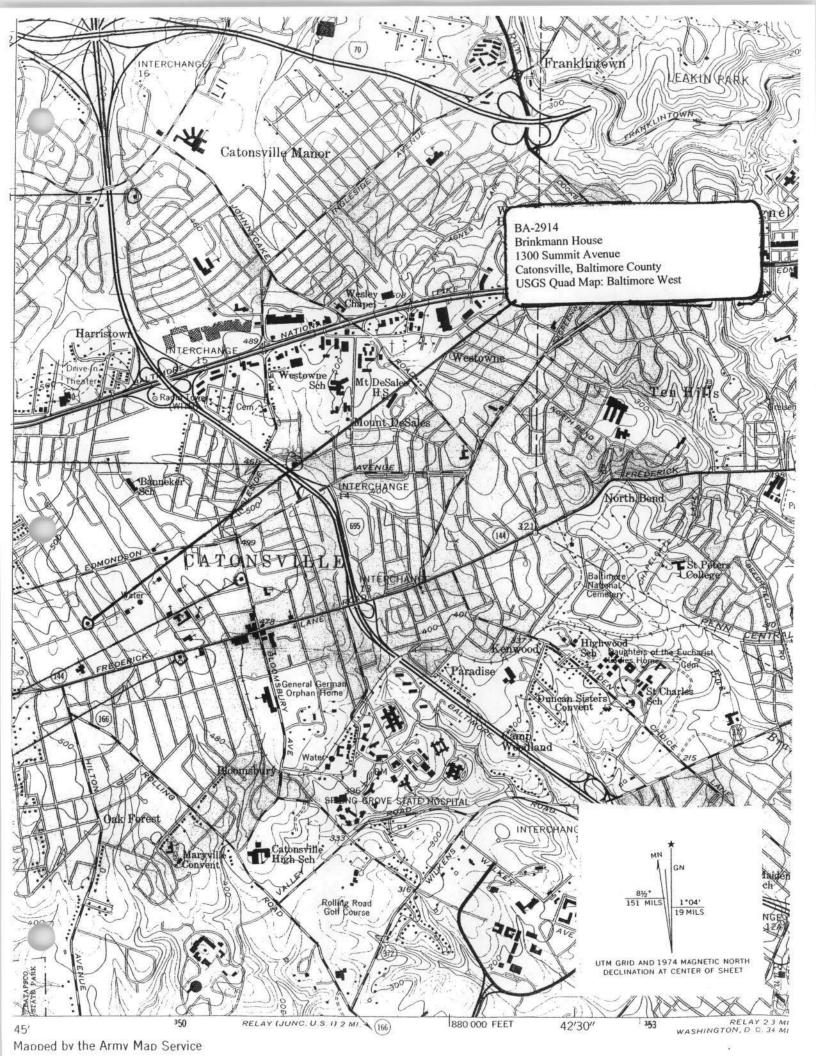


### SUMMIT AVENUE

BA-2914 BRINKMANN HOUSE 1300 SUMMIT AVENUE CATONSVILLE, MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOT DRAWN TO SCALE NA







BA 2914 Brinkmann House 1300 Summit Avenue, Catonsville Baltimore County Traceries 1/00 Maryland SHPO south elevation LOOKING NORTH



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north elevation, LOOKING SOUTHEAST

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